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IMPORTANT NOTICE BY EDITOR: We're back! Almost! BARF-80 BBS (Home of the OPDX) has made the change to "LINUX" (Red Hat ver. 7.1). Mail is coming into BARF80, but currently we are still having problems with the mail going out and receiving UseNet feeds. Since I am somewhat new to LINUX, learning the commands and tricks to easily transfer files from LINUX to MS-DOS has not happend and it is still a chore to put the bulletin together. Once again, due to technical problems on BARF-80, I am unable to send the following bulletin direct to the OPDX Mail List Server on "NSHORE.ORG" and the three DX Reflectors. Thanks to the Sysop on "HAMNET.ORG", I will be entering the following bulletin from his system. "PLEASE PLEASE do not send mail to the above E-mail address. Only use the "BARF80" address to send your messages. Please continue to send your DX info/announcements, and be patient during the next few weeks as this transition takes place. A special thanks goes out to the Sysops of "NSHORE" and "HAMNET" for their time and help in getting BARF-80 back on-line..... 73 and GUD DX de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 28/October, through Sunday, 4/November there were 257 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E3, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH4, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3,

ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/n, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZL7, ZL8, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4W, EAST TIMOR (Attention Stamp Collectors). Carlos, CU3FT, now active as **4W/CU3FT**, as been heard over the past week on 12 and 14 meters. He was on 24945 kHz around 1215z, going by numbers in Europe. On 20 meters, he was on 14240 and 14210 kHz after 1100z. Also, reports from Europe show he was active on 6 meters with a very nice signal. Carlos's QSL Manager Jose, CT1EEB, announced that QSLs for 4W/CU3FT have been arriving at his postal box at a rate of 4 to 5 a day. QSLs are not ready yet; they are waiting for a word from their sponsors and also for the QSL sketch to be send from the Spanish graphic workshop (EA7JX) soon. Meanwhile, you can send your card via CT1EEB: Jose Emanuel Ribeiro de Sa, P.O. Box 79, 3860 Estarreja, Portugal. Carlos also adds that if you collect mail stamps you can request your card directly from Carlos in East-Timor (UNTAET mail stamps will be issued once full independence is achieved next May 2002), Carlos's direct address in East-Timor is: Carlos Poinho, Apartado 93, Dili, Timor-Leste / East-Timor.

5U, NIGER (Update). Paolo, I2UIY, informs OPDX that a Web has been created to support the upcoming DXpedition to Niger that will take place in **January/February 2002**. The URL address is: http://www.qsl.net/niger-2002/ On the Web page there is survey for the DX community to fill out to help them understand what bands/modes are needed. Additional information will be uploaded as soon as they get things finalized. Exact dates and callsigns will be announced shortly.

5W, WESTERN SAMOA. Bill, W7TVF, will be operating from here between **November 20th and December 10th**. He will be operating from the Kitano Tusitala Hotel and hopes to put up a big vertical antena in the courtyard. His activity will be on 160-6 meters, mostly on CW. Special attention will be given to Europe and Africa during their low band grayline openings. Bill will be trying to provide an online log seach that can be accessed daily. More details will be forthcoming. Also, watch the Web page at: http://www.air-internet.com/~w7tvf/

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Operators JA1BRK, JA1HGY, JA1RJU, JK1OPL, JA2ADH, JA8GQZ are going to activate East Malaysia as their DX-Vacation. The majority of the operators will be there between **November 8-11th**, however, one of the operators will stay until **November 15th** (**9M6JU**). Their activities will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY from two separate stations. They will concentrate on RTTY and the 6 meter band. The RTTY operator will mainly be **9M6/JA1HGY** and the low band operator will be mainly be **9M6/JK1OPL**. Look for **9M6JU** to be active mainly on 6 meters. Operators JA1BRK and JA2ADH will operate as "guests" from local club station **9M6TDC** and **9M6LSC**, **November 8-11th**. The callsigns and QSL routes are as follows:

- 9M6/JA1HGY via JA1HGY
- 9M6/JK1OPL via JK1OPL
- 9M6/JA8GQZ via JA8GQZ
- 9M6JU via JA1RJU
- 9M6TDC via JA1BRK
- 9M6LSC via JA2ADH

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Jani, YB0US, is expected to continue to be active as **9M6US** from the Hillview Gardens ARC station in **Sabah** until **November 6th**. BTW (By The Way), he was active in the **CQWW SSB Contest** last weekend using the club's contest callsign **9M6A**. All QSLs via N2OO.

9U, BURUNDI. Ragge "Gus", SM5DIC, will go back to Burundi, **November 16th** for a period of approximately **3 months**. He will bring/use the same IC-706 as before, and a 3 element beam for 50 MHz. He will also try out some EME with the "big guns" with 400W and a single 17 element long boomer. His activity will also be on HF bands as well but only with wire antennas. The ARCT licensing bureau has promised him that they will renew his previous license (**9U5D**). QSL direct to the same manager as last time: SM5BFJ, Leif Hammarstrom, Lerklockan 4, SE-73091 Riddarhyttan, Sweden.

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports, "The 2 operations shown below have been approved for DXCC credit. The documentation has been reviewed and they are now OK. Anyone who has submitted them and had them rejected, can contact DXCC to have their record updated without having to re-submit the card(s). Otherwise, they can be included with the next submission."

- **OJ0VR** - Market Reef
- **HK5QGX/0M** - Malpelo Island

FR, REUNION ISLAND. Patrick, **FR5FD**, will be active during the next **CQWW DX CW Contest** at the end of November as a Single Op/Low Power/All Band class. He is also very active every day. He was heard this past weekend on 15 meters CW (21013 kHz after 0200z). Also, watch 10 meters around 28600 kHz about 1315z and again 0600z. He wants to remind everyone he does not have a QSL Manager. QSL only to: Patrick Labeaume, 40 rue Louis Desjardins, 97411 Bois de Nefles ST PAUL, Reunion Island, via FRANCE.

FS/P4/VP2E, ST. MARTIN, ARUBA AND ANGUILLA. Bill, KM4P, reportedly is on Aruba and is expected to be active from St. Martin and Anguilla as well. No other details were provided, but we will try to find out.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. A Hungarian team will once again participate from HB0-land during the **HA-QRP Contest**. Between **October 30th and November 7th**, look for **HB0/HG50RT/p** to be active on/around 3511 kHz. The operators will use their home callsign on the other bands as follows: **HB0/HA1TO/p** - Lacy, **HB0/HA6NL/p** - Laci, **HB0/HA6PS/p** - Zsolt, **HB0/HA6ZV/p** - Tibor and **HB0/HA7JJS/p** - Sanyi. QSLs should go via the bureau via home callsign, and for HB0/HG50RT/p via HA6NL.

HV, VATICAN. Remember on **November 6th**, there will be activity by **HV5PUL**, the radio station from the Papal Lateran University, in the Vatican State. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/10 meters and also 6/2 meters. Transmission modes will be CW/SSB. Four radio stations are going to operate at the same time, two on CW and two on SSB, from 0800-1730z. QSL via HV5PUL.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **OC-NEW**. Operators Nando/IT9YRE, Maury/IZ1CRR and Erminio/IZ8AJQ have been

planning an operation to **Sonsorol Island** since August and were going to operate in November but postponed their trip because of the WTC disaster. The operation will now take place **February 6-13th in 2002**. They will use the callsign **T88SI**. Activity will be mainly SSB with two stations active. Operations will be on 20/15/10 meters. Erminio will operate CW and the digital modes.

- **OC-050**. YL Sara/HA9SD and Eli/HA9RE will continue to be active from **Rurutu Island** until the **middle of November**. Activity seems to center around IOTA frequencies +/- 10 kHz. QSL cards are direct to HA8IB. The announcement states, "Instead of buying IRC please include 2 USD along with your card. This way you help recover some of the costs."

KH4, MIDWAY ISLAND. A DXpedition is planned for **June of 2002**. Activity is expected to be on 160-10 meters as well as 6 and 2 meters. For more details, check the Web site at: http://community.silverlink.net/midway/DXpedition.html

LS2, VERDE ISLAND, ARGENTINA. The Radio Club Mar Del Plata (LU2DT) has scheduled a DXpedition to **Verde Island** which is situated 40 miles south from Bahia Blanca, Argentina, and in the Atlantic Ocean. The operation will take place between **November 23-25th**. This island is actually a desert, and it will be activated by amateur radio for the first time. The special callsign **LS2D** (Lima Sierra Two Delta) will be used for this DXpedition. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 3501, 7005, 14020, 21020, 28020, 50110
- **SSB** - 3680, 7080, 14190, 21290, 28400 ,50110 kHz

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE. At its Board of Directors meeting on October 23, 2001 in San Francisco, CA, the Northern California DX Foundation re-elected the following officers and directors:

- President Len Geraldi K6ANP
- Vice President Al Burnham K6RIM
- Secretary Tom McShane NW6P
- Treasurer Bruce Butler W6OSP
- Director Rusty Epps W6OAT
- Director Dave Pugatch KI6WF
- Director Chuck Ternes N6OJ
- Director Steve Thomas N6ST
- Director Glenn Vinson W6OTC

Newly elected directors are Steve Merchant, K6AW and Ken Anderson, K6TA. Information pertaining to the Northern California DX Foundation is available at: http://www.ncdxf.org

OQ, BELGIUM (Special Prefix). As of **October 26th**, many Belgian stations will be on the air using the "OQ" prefix instead of the regular "ON or OT" prefix. The Begian telecom authorities have issued this special prefix in celebration of the birth of "**Princess Elisabeth**". The permission to use this prefix runs **until December 31st**.

POLISH DXPEDITION. Wojtek/SP9PT and Jurek/SP9EVP, members of SP DX Club, are travelling in Oceania. The main aim of their DXpedition was Norfolk Island (VK9N) which has

already taken place and VK9KND (via SP9EVP) and VK9KNE (via SP9PT) operations which should be QRT by the time you read this. However, during their travels, they will also visit **East Malaysia** and **Australia** (some activity from Sydney if time permits). Look for them on the following dates:

- **East Malaysia**: **November 6-11th**; their callsigns will be **9M6EVT** (via SP9EVP) and **9M6APT** (via SP9PT).
- **Sydney, Australia**: After the flight from Norfolk Island (November 4th); their callsigns will be **VK2JBQ** (SP9EVP) and **VK2JBR** (SP9PT).

Wojtek and Jurek will be active on CW, SSB and RTTY with operations on 80-10 meters and also 6 meters (depends on propagation). During their visit in East Malaysia, they will be active from the club station **9M6AAC**. Their equipment from Poland consists of: IC-746, IC-706, GP7, Qubical Quad for 50 MHz, two computers and RTTY interface. Online logs will be available after their operation and return (to be announced later).

QRP NEWS AND INFO.....

- The **New England QRP SSB Net** meets every Tuesday at 19:30 EST on frequency 7285 kHz +/- 5 kHz.
- **QRP from Jamaica**! The guys of "Team Vertical" will be leaving the amps and big rigs back home and going down to Jamaica with five Elecraft K2's. But don't let that fool you, as the gang will be using their world-class vertical antenna system by Force 12. QRP never sounded so loud! QRP operations will be from **November 20-26, 2001**. The gang is specifically going down to Jamaica to be active in the **CQWW CW Contest** on **November 24-25th**, and going for North American QRP single band records. They would really appreciate a contact during the contest. Is it possible to operate a contest without caffeine? (not likely!) So, Team Vertical is giving you a chance to win some world renowned Jamaican Blue Mountain Coffee! The fastest stations to work them during the CQWW CW Contest will win the coffee. QRP and QRO stations compete for the same prizes, and a total of 25 bags of coffee will be awarded. Check out the following Web page for details about the awards and operation: http://www.k2kw.com Pre-contest QRP activity will be on 160-10 meters. There will be a dedicated 6 meters rig running high power. Outside the contest, operators will sign homecall/6Y5. During the **CQWW CW Contest**, the following callsigns will be used for single band QRP efforts:

6Y1A on 10m; K2KW op	**6Y4A** on 40m; N6BT op
6Y9A on 15m; KE7X op	**6Y8A** on 80m; W0YK op
6Y2A on 20m; N6XG op	**6Y0A** on 160m; K2KW op

  QRP Tactics: While their transmit signal may be a bit weaker than normal, they can easily hear your QRP signals with their high performance antennas! If you can hear them, they should be able to hear you. If you can't break the pileup after a few calls, try moving your transmit frequency slightly higher or lower to gain their attention. If the pileup is too big, try calling them again in a few minutes when it might be easier to get through. QSL all QRP Jamaica DXpedition callsigns via Kappy, WA4WTG: Robert Kaplan WA4WTG, 718 SE 3rd Lane, Dania, FL 33004 USA. Special "QRP Jamaica" QSLs will be printed. WA4WTG will QSL all contacts made by this operation for: 6Y0A, 6Y1A, 6Y2A, 6Y4A, 6Y8A, 6Y9A, K2KW, N6BT, KE7X, N6XG, W0YK. For further information visit their web site at: http://www.k2kw.com/qrp2001.htm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **NEED A QSL MANAGER?** Both Karen/VK2HKW and Chris/VK2UW would like to take up being QSL Managers for any of the DXpeditions. They can be contacted by E-mail at: vk2uw@iprimus.com.au Or direct to: Chris Wright VK2UW & Karen Wright VK2HKW, P.O. Box 165, Banora Point, New South Wales, Australia 2486
- YL operator Jan, **5W0MO**, should have her QSL cards sent to OM2SA: Juraj Sipos, 93013 Trhova Hradska, 550, Slovak Republic.
- **NOT THE QSL MANAGER**. Kris, SP5BUD, informs OPDX that he has been receiving QSLs for **5Z4TT**. The correct QSL Manager is **SP5TT**.
- A special callsign DT2001PAF was activated this past week by members of the Korean Amateur Radio League Pyong Taek Office to celebrate the 4th Pyong Taek Agriculture Festival in Pyong Taek city. QSL via **DS2AXU**, by the bureau or direct (Yun, P.O.Box 80, Pyong Taek, 450-600, South Korea).
- In a previous issue of the OPDX we listed GJ2A as via GJ3DNC. However, GJ3DNC does not exist, and GJ2A is the contest callsign of GJ3DVC, the Jersey Amateur Radio Society. The mailing address for this club is: PO Box 338, Jersey,United Kingdom, JE4 9YG. Visit the JARS homepage at: http://www.qsl.net/gj3dvc/
- Bob, KR4DA, reports that QSLs for the Dominica W.I. J7 team (**J79DA, J79WB, J79AA, J79LR** and **J75WX**) will not be sent out for around two months. They will have a very nice photo card. The J75J CQWW SSB QSL cards will be ready in about a week, and Bob will start sending them out then. It will be just a plain TEXT card. Bob states inquires are welcome and E-mails to him for Bureau requests are OK for ONLY contest callsign J75J and J79DA. His E-mail address is: kr4da@earthlink.net
- Danny/T93M and Edin/T97M were active from Guadeloupe before, after and during the CQWW SSB Contest. QSL **FG/T93M** via DJ2MX direct or via the DARC Bureau. QSL **FG/T97M** via K2PF.
- Send QSLs for Alfredo, who was active as **HC1HC** in the CQWW SSB Contest, to NE8Z: Rick Dorsch, P.O. Box 616, Hamburg, MI 48139 USA.
- Steve, KU9C, is the new QSL Manager for **HC8A**. Richard, N6KT, thanks Betsy Townsend, WV7Y, for her many years of tremendous service handling his QSL cards.
- Currently, the QSL routes for stations active from Isla San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands (SA-004) are: **HC8A** via KU9C, **HC8GR** via N5KO, **HC8**L via N2AU, **HC8N** via AA5BT and **HC8Z/HD8Z** via NE8Z.
- QSLs for **SP0PZK** are to be QSLed via SP2UKB.
- Stations **UX0FF/p, UX3FW/p, UR5FEO/p, UR5FJF/**p and **UT4FA/p** were active from Ochakowskij Island (EU-182) between October 19-21st. They made about 2500 QSOs. QSL via operator's home callsigns.
- Cezar, VE3LYC, informs OPDX that he is the QSL Manager for Jack, **VY0/W2NTJ** for his last operation from Long Island (NA-173). He is in the possession of Jack's paper log covering the period of August 13th through October 15th, 2001. All QSL requests need to be mailed to Cezar directly via the CBA (Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC, 410 College St., Kingston, Ontario K7L 4M7, Canada). The QSL cards will be printed shortly and will be timely distributed. Please, no requests at this time for previous operations carried out by Jack. Cezar will keep everyone informed, in due time, if he will be able to act as his QSL Manager for his other operations.
- Station **XF2RCS** was active from Lobos Island (in Mexico's Veracruz State North Group), for the first time this past weekend as an IOTA. It has a new IOTA number of

NA-221. Team members were: XE1VIC, XE1ME, XE1JG, XE1YJY, XE1ZOI and XE1KK. QSL via KA9WON. Mexico stations QSL via XE1KK.

- **NORTH COOK ISLAND QSL ROUTES**. QSLs for both **ZK1CG** and **ZK1USA** go via ZL1CG. However, **CQWW SSB Contest operations** for **ZK1CG** go to VE7XF. QSLs for **ZK1APM, ZK1ASQ, ZK1AKF** and **ZK1VVV** go to VE7XF. QSLs for ZK1KDN and ZK1NCF go to JR2KDN.

T2, TUVALU. Team Tuvalu is now active **through November 8th** as **T2T**. Activity is expected to be on all bands (please refer to OPDX.532). QSL HF contacts via JN1HOW and 6 meter contacts via JN7OHF, direct only.

TI9, COCOS ISLAND (Update). You may want to check out the following Web page at: http://qsl.net/ti2hmg/cocos.htm The Web page contains some great photos and information on this island that belongs to Costa Rica. The TI9M operation will take place February 17th and last for 12 days. A team of 15 operators will be active on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY.

TJ, CAMEROON. Eduardo/EA2TV and Javier/EA2COL will be in Cameroon between **November 11-23rd**, working on the installation of some VHF and HF stations in hospitals and missions in a project from "Radioaficionados Sin Fronteras". During their spare time, they plan to be on the air using the callsign **TJ2RSF** on the HF bands, on SSB mainly, and probably also on RTTY and CW. QSL via EA4AHK.

TM0, FRANCE. Patrick, F6OIE, will be using the special callsign **TM0A** twice over the next few months. From **November 17-31st**, look for him to be active on all HF bands including the WARC bands CW/SSB (CW only on 30 meters) as entries in the the "**All Austria**" and "**CQWW DX CW" Contests**. From J**anuary 19th through February 1st**, look for Patrick to be active on all HF bands including the WARC bands CW/SSB (CW only on 30 meters). He will enter the "**French REF Cup Contest**" as an "A" category during the **last weekend of January**. QSL via F6OIE, direct or Bureau.

TM0, FRANCE. Gil, F5NOD, reports that the F6KDF ARC will be active during the next **CQWW DX CW Contest** as **TM0DX**. Operators will be Fred/F5ROP, Felix/ DL7FER (Guest operator), YL Viviane/F8BWB, Eric/F5SIH and Gil/F5NOD. The operations will take place from the usual F6KDF's contest site in the Ain department.

XT, BURKINA FASO. The Voodoo Contest Group will operate as **XT2DX** in the **CQWW CW Contest** in the Multi-Multi section. Operators are Bob/G3PJT, Roger/G3SXW, Don/G3XTT, Fred/G4BWP, Gary/G4IFB, Andy/G4PIQ, Vince/K5VT and Mike/KC7V. They will operate from the capital city of **Ougadougou**. QSL via G3SXW. More information is available on their new Web site at: http://www.voodudes.org (This has changed from voodudes.com - please update your links).

ZM8, KERMADEC ISLANDS. Jacky, **ZL3CW**/F2CW, is now active from **Raoul Island** (IOTA **OC-039**) as **ZM8CW**. Activity is expected to last **until November 26th**. Operation will be on CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31, however, most QSNs show he is mainly operating on CW. Activity should be on all bands. QSL via ZL3CW.

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SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail

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